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## Sullivan stays busy

By Dalton Zbierski  
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – Town Hall remains closed to the public, but much goes on within the building's walls. Every day, Town Administrator Mike Sullivan keeps occupied with a myriad of different tasks, developments and responsibilities.

### COVID-19 Update

While there was no meeting of the Selectboard this week, Sullivan did release a Town Administrator's Report. Within the report, Sullivan updated the number of positive COVID-19 cases are increasing in South Hadley.

As of Aug. 11, South Hadley reported 185 con-

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## Graduation a 'semicolon' for seniors

Students attend drive-in graduation

By MELINA BOURDEAU  
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – While graduation for the class of 2020 was not what the high school seniors anticipated it would be, there were moments of familiarity in the drive-up graduation last Friday.

Students were able to walk across the stage, receive their diplomas, take photos with their families and give speeches.

The unusual year was noted by students in their speeches.

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Dan, Denise and Corryn Moroney and Cam Peter took photos in the tiger at the South Hadley High School graduation last Friday.



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# Granby selectboard hears from fire officers

By MELINA BOURDEAU  
Staff Report

GRANBY – With about month to find an interim fire chief, the Granby Selectboard began the process by getting input from the Granby Fire Department officers.

Since June 1, Deputy Chief Bruce Carpenter has been working as acting chief of the department, however he recently notified the board he would be retiring in September.

Selectboard Chair Glenn Sexton began the conversation on Monday night saying that the board wasn't looking for names, but attributes and characteristics they hope for in the new temporary leadership.

Lt. William Bragiel told the board one important quality he would like to see is "someone

who has an overall feel for the department.

"I'd really like to see it stay in house, I believe we have the right candidates in house," he said. "Or at least give them a shot."

He added that he believes the person should be able to "hit the ground running."

"We have the personnel, we have the talent, we just need some good leadership right now," he said. "Before you bring in others, let us pull it together as officers or a department to see if we can get this place on track, so whoever takes over has a good crew to work with."

Lt. Brian Pike said he believed the interim chief should be community minded.

"We need to have someone who, I'm going to bring up a name, like Russ Anderson. The

way he worked for the community, he brought in programs for the children and the seniors," Pike said. "I'm torn on whether to have someone from the inside if there is a good candidate on the outside. I definitely think they should be willing to learn themselves."

Firefighter Alan Leon agreed, saying he would like to have an interim chief who is relevant to the fire service.

"Whoever shows up, the day chief Carpenter walks away is the day we need five nights of officer coverage," he said. "That's going to be a big hump to get over."

To Firefighter Anthony Lauzon, it is fundamental that the person is interim.

"What we're not looking for is someone who's going to come in and make waves or make huge

changes or redirections," he said. "Like Pike said, we want someone community minded, but is also able to work with other departments. We've had challenges in the past with regard to that, we've been able to mend bridges as of late and we'd like to continue to do that."

Firefighter Gene Os said he believed the department is on the same page.

"We're all looking for the same thing, we want to move forward," he said. "We want to keep making things better."

Sexton said he believes the members of the fire department are capable and qualified.

"I think what I've seen over the past month or so, the department coming together, growing and bonding together I think that speaks (volumes)," Sexton said.

With a focus on the interim

chief first, Sexton said he does not know how long the process will take to hire a permanent chief, but the selectboard may form an ad-hoc committee to begin the process.

Selectboard member Jennifer Silva said the town "wants to take our time and get it right."

The Selectboard discussed the plan following the termination of Granby Fire Chief John Mitchell Jr. on July 23.

During executive sessions, the board discussed Mitchell's employment with the town and determined in a July 22 executive session to terminate him, effective the next day.

Mitchell was placed on unpaid administrative leave from the Fire Department for 30 days, since June 1, according to Town Administrator Christopher Martin.

## Governor issues new travel order for residents, visitors

BOSTON – Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker issued a new order mandating all travelers from coronavirus hot spots entering the commonwealth to fill out a Massachusetts travel form and quarantine for 14 days. The order took effect Saturday, Aug. 1.

All travelers entering the commonwealth will be required to comply with a new travel order unless they are coming from a low risk COVID-19 state or are able to produce a negative test result no more than 72 hours prior to their arrival in Massachusetts. Other exemptions include people passing through the state, those commuting across state lines for work, people

traveling to Massachusetts for medical treatment, people complying with military orders, or those traveling to work in federally designated critical infrastructure sectors (essential services).


The travel order and other information is available at [www.mass.gov/MATraveler](http://www.mass.gov/MATraveler).

Individuals who get a test must remain in quarantine until they receive their negative test results. Failure to comply may result in a \$500 fine per day.

Based on current public health data, those lower risk states include New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maine, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire and Hawaii. The

list of lower risk states is subject to change based on public health data and states may be added or taken off the list at any time.

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1. Corrode

5. Jean Paul \_\_, author

11. Hebrew unit of dry measure

12. A type of scientist

16. Greek goddess of discord

17. For Red Sox MVP

18. It checks your speed

19. Made dirty

24. The First State

25. Lodgings

26. Spiritual leader

27. Bradley Int'l Airport code

28. Native American people

29. Sharp pain

30. Touch

31. Slowly disappears

33. Indigenous Russian people

34. Narrative poem

38. Some are bad

39. Small quill feathers

40. Tattles

43. Popular Easter entree

44. Beneficiary

45. Clothed

49. Payroll firm

50. Lower Normandy's largest city

51. Binary compound of halogen

53. The Fighting Irish

54. Skilled, paid worker

56. Eyelashes

58. The 12th letter of the Greek alphabet

59. Large, stocky lizard

60. Made poisonous

63. Former US Secretary of State

64. Sticky substances

65. A type of gin

**CLUES DOWN**

1. To return an echo

2. Displace

3. Japanese religion

4. Predilections

5. Partial

6. Poisonous plant

7. Road open

8. Atomic #81

9. Accomplished American composer

10. Oh, God!

13. Potato state

14. Most melancholic

15. Supportive framework

20. Hollywood's Pacino

21. A title for women

22. Popular Grammys alternative

23. Check

27. Bolivian river

29. South Dakota

30. Wonderful

31. Supervises flying

32. Commercial

33. More (Spanish)

34. Even distribution of weight

35. "Arabian Nights" hero

36. Compact mass of a substance

37. Bachelor of Laws

38. Halfback

40. Some of it is ground

41. They play in the trenches

42. Atomic #18

44. Chinese Prefecture

45. Fabrics

46. Being in a direct line of descent from an ancestor

47. In slow tempo

48. Flood

50. Long-necked bird

51. Secondary school

52. Artificial intelligence

54. Structure by the water

55. Lather

57. What happens there stays there

61. A bone

62. The Great Lakes State

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# Morse will not drop out of congressional race, UMass to investigate conduct

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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HOLYOKE – The mayor of Holyoke is refusing to renounce his candidacy for the U.S. House of Representatives this week after controversial accusations of misconduct while working as a professor at the University of Massachusetts surfaced late last week.

Alex Morse, who has served as mayor for the last eight years, is trying to unseat longtime U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, D-Massachusetts.

Morse, also a Democrat, is set to challenge Neal in the Democratic primary currently set for Sept. 1.

With just a few weeks left before that primary, the Daily Collegian, a publication at UMass, published a letter from the College Democrats of Massachusetts and its chapters at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and Amherst College.

The letter alleges Morse engaged in sexual relationships with students at the school. It further states he abused his power as an adjunct faculty member and someone of heavily involved in politics to engage in sexual relationships for his gain.

After three days of allegations reaching the mainstream media due to his involvement in the Congressional race. He is set to debate Neal in the near future.

With no Republicans involved in the race, the Sept. 1 election will effectively decide the race barring some type of strong write-in campaign.

The First Congressional District in Massachusetts represents the overwhelming majority of Western Massachusetts cities and towns in all four counties, Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire.

Neal, who has been representing Massachusetts since 1989, was once mayor of Springfield.

The two candidates have had various TV ads fueling their rivalry, but Neal's campaign denies having anything to do



Alex Morse

with the sexual misconduct allegations being made public with just three weeks to the election.

Morse, Sunday night, said he would not leave the race, and released a statement to that effect:

"I announced my candidacy for Congress because I believed our country needed leadership that understood the urgency of this moment. I believed that the voters of the First Congressional District deserved a member of Congress who would put their interests before those of wealthy and influential donors. I believed that the health of our democracy relied on envisioning a new kind of politics – a politics of lifting up and empowering ordinary people.

I still believe these things. If anything, my time as a candidate has only deepened my conviction that people are looking for a politics that is more generous, more open, and more just. I've heard stories from people in every corner of this district that I'll carry with me for the rest of my life.

Our campaign is fueled by the hard

work and dedication of my amazing staff and volunteers and the contributions of small grassroots donors. Our campaign is also lifted up by the support of progressive organizations that helped take our efforts to new heights. I remain committed to their missions, but also understand the toll that recent events are taking on them and their supporters.

Over the weekend, the Daily Collegian published a story that alleged that I abused my power in having consensual sexual encounters with college students, and that I made other college students feel uncomfortable by conversing with them on social media.

I want to be very clear about this. I have never, in my entire life, had a non-consensual sexual encounter with anyone. I have never used my position of power as Mayor and UMass lecturer for romantic or sexual gain, or to take advantage of students. I have never violated UMass policy. Any claim to the contrary is false. As I've acknowledged, I have had consensual relationships with other men, including students enrolled at local universities that I've met using dating apps."

Morse said he welcomes any investigation and says he will be cleared of any wrongdoing.

On Monday, the University of Massachusetts-Amherst released a statement confirming an investigation in Morse's conduct. UMass has also gone on record saying Morse will not be re-hired as an adjunct professor. Morse taught classes in government and political science since 2014.

"The allegations that Holyoke Mayor Alex Morse engaged in inappropriate behavior with UMass Amherst students are serious and deeply concerning," UMass states. "And the university is launching an immediate review of the matter to determine whether the alleged actions during his time as a university lecturer were in violation of university policy or federal Title IX law."

## Baker-Polito administration launches #MaskUpMA

BOSTON - The Baker-Polito Administration on July 31 launched #MaskUpMA, an effort to continue to remind residents to wear masks and face-coverings in public to stop the spread of COVID-19. The effort will underscore the importance of wearing masks across multiple channels including video testimonials on social media, a new PSA, and a website, Mass.Gov/MaskUp.

Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito helped launch #MaskUpMA with video testimonials where they urge residents to wear masks to protect themselves and others. Red Sox mascot Wally the Green Monster also joined the effort, and in the coming weeks, additional local public figures will remind everyone in Massachusetts to "mask up."

In addition, the Department of Public Health today also launched an updated public service announcement video. Residents can also visit Mass.Gov/MaskUp to learn more about wearing face-coverings, including best practices and multilingual resources.

In May, Governor Baker issued an order requiring residents to wear face-coverings in public where social distancing is not possible. This applies to both indoor and outdoor spaces. Exceptions include children under the age of two and those unable to wear a mask or face covering due to a medical condition. Read the full DPH Guidance and find more detailed information in Frequently Asked Questions - Face Covering.





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### Obituary

**John Hart**

SOUTH HADLEY – John Hart, 28, of South Hadley, passed away at home Aug. 1. He was the son of John and Rosemary (nee Rogers) Hart and brother to Anna Hart. Born in Holyoke on April 14, 1992, he was raised in South Hadley.

He graduated from South Hadley High School where he participated in team sports. He earned certificates as a certified nursing assistant, phlebotomy and electrocardiogram at Salter College. He planned to return to school this fall in pursuit of his ultimate goal of becoming a scientific researcher.

A kind soul, John went out of his way to help others, which led him to the medical field. Smart and funny, he made people feel welcomed and put them at ease.

John was a talented musician who played electric and acoustic guitar, bass, drums, piano, trumpet and most recently teaching himself violin. He enjoyed cooking and creating new recipes for his family and friends to sample.

He was artistic and enjoyed forging and handcrafting items from scratch. He collected gems and stones, often incorporating them into jewelry, including religious tokens he gave as gifts to friends and family.

John was blessed with wisdom beyond his years and possessed a quiet confidence. His humor, warmth and kind soul will be missed by all who knew him, especially his loving parents, John and Rosemary and beloved sister, Anna, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

A public visitation will be held Aug. 12 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Beers & Story Funeral Home, 646 Newton St in South Hadley. Funeral Mass will be private and at the convenience of the family. The family invites you to join them for John's Rites of Committal at Evergreen Cemetery, 25 Edison Drive in South Hadley, Thursday, Aug. 13 beginning at 11:15 a.m.

Donations may be made to a scholarship fund created in John's name with Boys and Girls Club of Greater Holyoke, 70 Nick Cosmos Way, Holyoke, MA 01040. For more information, please visit [www.beersandstory.com](http://www.beersandstory.com).

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As part of the drive-up graduation ceremony, South Hadley High School seniors turned their tassels on stage like Sydney Mercier.



Patrick McGrevy picks his diploma up from the table at the drive-up graduation for South Hadley High School.



While attending the drive-up graduation Chris Cloutier, Toni Cloutier, Logan O'Neil, Simone Letrenta, Bobby O'Neil, Emily Remillard and Todd O'Neil gathered at South Hadley High School for pictures.

GRADUATION from page 1

National Honor Society President, Madelyn Doolittle, gave a speech on what she referred to as the “class of 2020 Hall of Fame.” Recognizing the class’ 12 Western Massachusetts championships and other sports accomplishments, Doolittle highlighted the group’s share of scholars and artists. She also recognized their camaraderie.

“The community of this class may be a trait that is commonly overlooked, but it is one that has been ingrained in our peer relationships and friendships that have been formed over the last 12 years,” Doolittle said. “I remember this friendly competition of racing to answer math problems on flashcards in the second grade with some of the students...hoisting up a trophy with these people, and even just laughing at jokes they would make during class.”

She signed off saying the group should not “defined by what (they) have lost, but what (they) have achieved.”

Reflecting on her inability to give advice on the future, especially during a pandemic, co-Valedictorian Rainy Wortelboer said the class would be able to



Alyssa Mazza walks across the stage to get her diploma.

handle whatever hand life deals them.

“There will be countless other times in our uncertain future where things don’t go our way. The road of life is not exactly the open highway many of us imagined when we were younger,” Wortelboer said. “It’s more like playing bumper cars – everything tries to knock you off course, but it’s easier to laugh and go along with it than to cry.”

Co-Valedictorian Moira McDermott gave her speech in four parts – urging her classmates to try not to focus on the ‘what ifs,’ staying curious, always being skeptical and thinking of oneself and to be thankful for every day.

“Y o u r thoughts at the onset of each day will dictate the day you will have. If you wake up thinking ‘ugh, today is going to be terrible...’ guess what? Today will be just as terrible as you said,” Wortelboer said. “But that same exact day can be pretty great if you choose to see the

good.”

In his salutatorian speech, Max Garvin encouraged his classmates to adapt to change because “sometimes a global pandemic occurs in the most exciting time of your life.”

“We just have to roll with the punches and remember that these few months of craziness don’t take away from the 11 years of memories we’ve built,” he said. “To steal a quote from my football coach, Scott Taylor, ‘You can’t control the uncontrollables.’ While this may seem obvious, I feel we often get caught up in the negativity caused by forces larger than us.”

Finally, the class president, Isabella Yee spoke about the challenges her generation is facing.

She said COVID-19 became a tangible presence and throughout the pandemic an “old virus” reared its head – racism.

“The pandemic brought into focus problems that have been plaguing our world for a very long time. It’s a tricky moment, we have two epidemics – racial disparities in health care, and racial injustices as exemplified in the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Elijah McClain and so many others,” said Yee. “In both cases, we need to flatten the curve.”

She encouraged her peers to be catalysts for positive change and no longer accept what they are told is “normal.”

Each the students’ speeches were filmed by South Hadley Community Television, which will have a video of each graduate crossing the stage as well.

Throughout the day on Friday, students and their families parked in the high school lot in 10-minute intervals. They also received a professional portrait taken by a photographer hired by the schools and a goodie bag from the South Hadley Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition.



After graduating Atlas Parker received a goodie bag from Susan Cook, of the South Hadley Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition.



After getting his diploma, graduate Elias Pietrzykowski took a photo with his family members, Ruth, Edward, Rebecca and Richy Pietrzykowski.



Photos by Melina Bourdeau  
In front of the library, a sign was hung up for families to take photos together following graduation including Adam, Ryan, Eileen and Sean Petit.



Maggie, Sydney Libby and Steven Mercier took photos together at the drive-up graduation.



Linda McClintock, Jake O'Brien and Darby O'Brien went to South Hadley High School on last Friday .



Heidi, Julia and Hal Piligian took photos together after the drive-up graduation at South Hadley High School.



Opinion

GUEST COLUMN

In My Backyard

By Ellenor Downer

Yellow warbler

I saw either a female or immature yellow warbler in the forsythia bush this Sunday. The female or immature is a duller yellow than the male. It either has faint breast streaking or none at all. The immature females lack breast streaks and are buff olive with less yellow. The male is yellow with reddish streaking on its breast.

The yellow warbler is five inches long. They eat caterpillars, cankerworms, gypsy moths, beetles, aphids and other insects. The female lays four to six white eggs with blotches in a nest of milkweed, stem fibers, grasses, down and spider's silk. The yellow warblers song is a "sweet sweet sweet I'm so sweet" with the last note accented. It also has a musical "chip" call.

Baltimore orioles

I received an email from a North Brookfield resident. She said, "I have had Baltimore orioles at my jelly feeder up until this week. I have put out seven quarts of grape jelly so far. But I have not seen an oriole this week can you explain where they could be?"

I also have not seen Baltimore orioles coming for orange halves that I put out. The catbird, a red-bellied woodpecker and a red squirrel also ate the oranges. Baltimore orioles start their migration south as early as July.

Ruby-throated hummingbirds

Although Baltimore orioles migrate early, the ruby-throated hummingbirds do not start their migration until September. I fill my two nectar feeders every other day. I enjoy watching the hummingbirds chase each other around the feeders and spread their tail feathers while they hover. Whenever, I look at one of the nectar feeders, I do not have to wait long before one or more hummingbirds appear.

Great blue heron

I was at Lake Winisquam this past Saturday with my daughter, Lynn and granddaughter, Cora. Cora and I were swimming when a great blue heron flew over the water and landed on the dock of elderly neighbors. It was a beautiful day to be in the water, but they do not get outside very much so the dock is a quiet place even on a summer Saturday. I wondered if they saw it land and watched it as Cora and I did.

Other birds at the lake

I saw one loon, three cormorants, some mallards and seagulls. The seagulls would land near boats anchored in the cove across the lake. They probably get some tidbits from people eating in their boats.

Northern water snake

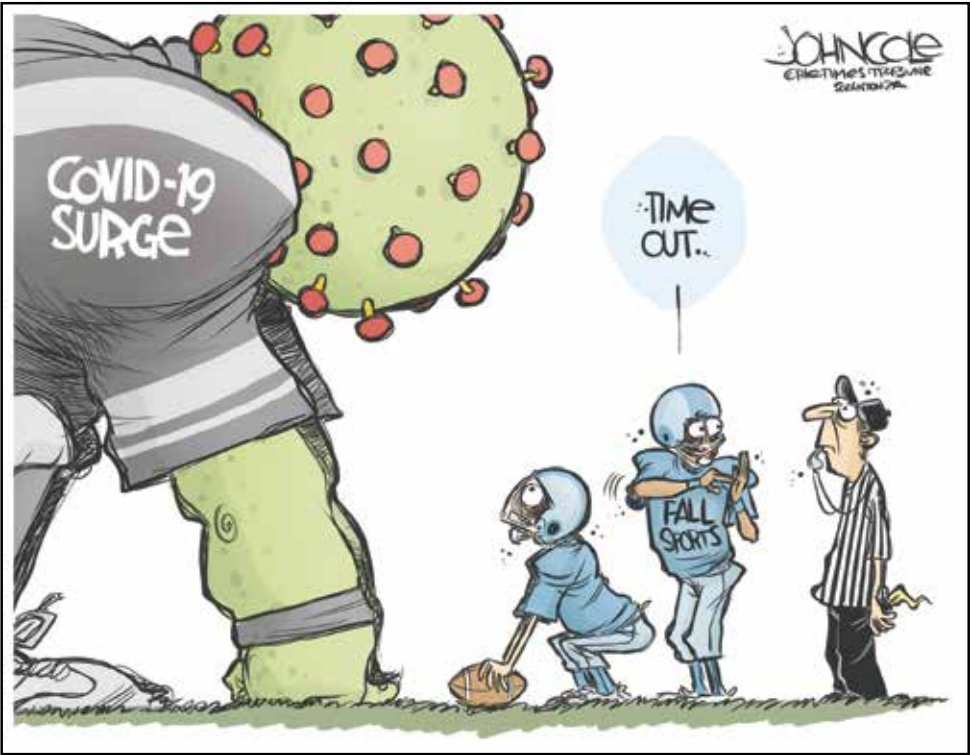
Although it isn't a bird, I saw northern water snake swimming near the bottom of the lake while standing on the dock. Lynn and Cora were swimming. Lynn hurried Cora to the ladder and they climbed onto the dock. The snake went under the dock and surfaced on the other side. It was the biggest water snake I've ever seen. It headed to a shallow area with reeds.

Cora was fascinated by the snake and climbed onto her mother's paddleboard in hopes of getting a better view. Lynn got her off the paddleboard and onto shore. Cora, unlike her mother and grandmother, likes snakes.

Scarlet tanager

My son-in-law, Brian, saw a scarlet tanager in his yard. He went inside his house to look it up. It was a first sighting for him.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100 or emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com.



IN THE GARDEN



Midsummer questions on peppers, cucumbers

Grandma visited today and questioned why her pickling cucumbers were "funny looking." She was hoping for blocky, straight fruit, but what she has are tapered to a point. Some even curl. Looks don't matter much to her but unfortunately they don't taste very good either. They are quite bitter. How can this be remedied?

This is an easy fix. Curling, bitter fruit are an indication that cucumber plants are crying out for more water, and it is no wonder with the drought we are having. They are shallow rooted and depend on a steady amount of moisture to grow evenly. Your goal should be an inch of rain per week. Sometimes summer rains are deceiving; while you think that passing shower saturated the earth, chances are it didn't.

Just for the fun of it, set up a homemade rain gauge in the garden. This way you can see for yourself just how much rain we are actually getting. Simply position an empty tuna fish can marked in quarter-inch increments among your plants. You can even leave it there while your sprinkler is at work or while you hand water as normal. After each "rainfall" record your results, and at the end of the week, make up the difference to achieve the desired one inch. I don't expect you to be this fussy all the time, but this little experiment will give you a sense of how little or much rain you and Mother Nature are actually providing to your plants. While we have little say in what falls from the sky, we can make adjustments to our sprinkler timers. Another way to help out your cukes would be to provide their shallow roots with a little mulch. The mulch will regulate mois-

ture and prevent weed competition. Accomplish this well after your plants are up and growing, and of course, don't pile it up too close to the stem.

This question came from Robin, who gardens in Hardwick: "My pepper plants are laden with fruit but slow to turn color. When will they be ready to harvest? I'd like to preserve them somehow for use over the winter. What would you suggest?"

Usually you will have to wait at least two to three weeks after green peppers have reached full size before they will ripen completely. Now you know why colored peppers command a higher price than their green counterparts, they are taking up space on the plant for a longer period and because of that inhibiting, to some degree anyway, new fruits from forming. In our part of the country it is smart to search out pepper varieties that reach maturity in the fewest number of days. Look for those marked 80 days or less.

Freezing peppers is super easy, and there is no blanching necessary. Simply cut your peppers into slices and prefreeze them on a cookie sheet. Once they are frozen you can put them into freezer bags and grab a handful or two as needed.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid

A QUOTE

of NOTE

"We all understand the challenges and appreciate the incredible level of cooperation. Success in fighting this enemy of health is dependent not on government intervention, it will only be effective through citizen adherence to the guidelines."

South Hadley  
Town Administrator  
Mike Sullivan on the town's COVID-19 numbers.

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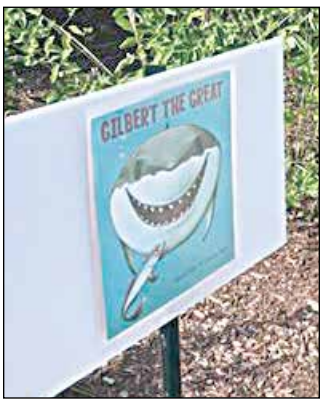
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Follow the story of “Gilbert the Great” as part the Shark Week activities.



Celebrate Shark Week with the Granby Public Library from now through Aug. 21.

## Celebrate Shark Week at the GPL

Staff Report

GRANBY – Between August 7 to 21, kids of all ages are invited to ask for one of our many sharks books and you will get a fun activity sheet and a raffle ticket for a cool shark fun basket! Call the library for an age appropriate book and curbside pick-up time! During this time top by to read our shark theme Story walk, “Gilbert the Great.”

Adults are also welcomed to take part, ask for a shark theme book or movie (for curbside pick-up) and you will be entered into a raffle for a shark beachie basket.

Library Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Telephone 413-467-3320 visit the website at [granbylibrary.com](http://granbylibrary.com). Follow our Granby Library Children’s Room Page on Facebook.



With prizes and an activity sheet, children and their families can enjoy a local Shark Week to go along with the annual Discovery Channel week of shark-filled content.

## The Granby Library’s summertime fire safety storywalks and give aways

GRANBY – The Granby Fire Department has gifted the library some Granby Fire Department lunch bags filled with goodies for kids of all ages!

Check out of the library – one fire safety theme book and you will get one filled lunch bag, a firefighter hat and a bag with coloring books. The library is doing curbside pick-up, call for a fire theme book and a pickup time. Staff will be happy to pick out an available book for you!

Stop by the library in mid-August to check out the Fire Safety Storywalks featuring the books: Firefighter’s Handbook and Pete the Cat: Firefighter Pete.

A big thank you to the Granby Fire Department!



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# South Hadley and Granby Chamber stays resilient

By Dalton Zbierski  
Staff Writer

REGION – Five months into the COVID-19 pandemic, the South Hadley & Granby Chamber of Commerce has bent but not broken. With grant opportunities available and business to conduct, its members are remaining diligent.

“Resiliency has become sort of a theme of late,” said Chamber President, Michelle Theroux. “As people have reformulated their businesses, they’ve retooled either who their audience or customers are, and that’s pretty significant when it comes to the economic engine that is

so important to this area.”

A large number of local businesses have reopened successfully and are becoming familiar with restrictions that could not have been envisioned a year ago. New jobs are available, and hundreds of residents have left unemployment and returned to work.

Still, a sense of hesitancy exists for small business owners in both South Hadley and Granby. Theroux noted that there is concern over the possibility of a second wave of the coronavirus, but business owners continue to move forward slowly.

Mount Holyoke College recently announced that students will not return to campus this fall. The school will

go entirely remote for the first semester of the academic year, a reality that presents additional challenges to local business owners.

“The college recently dialed back its reopening plan from being somewhat on-campus to being entirely virtual,” said Theroux. “That will have an impact on our local business community, especially when I think about the Village Commons without the the Mount Holyoke students and faculty, who do patronize our restaurants and area businesses.”

The Village Commons is located less than 200 ft. from the western boundary of Mount Holyoke College. The sprawling economic center has returned to life following an extensive shut down, but the academic institution’s recent decision will be consequential to local business.

“South Hadley is a college town,” said Theroux. “People are talking about the student aspect of it, which is important, but what’s getting sort of lost in the shuffle is [how it will affect the businesses].”


Fortunately, grant opportunities are still within reach for businesses in South Hadley and Granby that have had difficulty adapting to the new normal. Micro-enterprise grants of up to \$10,000 are available for small business owners.

A coalition including South Hadley, Granby, Westhampton, Easthampton and Hadley was created to assist small businesses in the process of applying for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Grants.

Businesses can receive grant money to cover losses that occurred during the pandemic or from changes that were forced to be made as a result of COVID-19. Led by Senior Planner Ted Harvey of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, the coalition has already earned approximately \$900,000 for the five communities.

“Right now, many of the folks in our community epitomize small businesses; the yoga studios, the daycares, the small restaurants,” said Theroux. “That is what this Covid relief from the Community Development Block Grants will target. Everybody locally has been impacted in some way by COVID-19, and this will hopefully provide some relief.”


The application process is currently under development and will be open to small business owners next month. Dalton Zbierski is a Staff Writer and can be reached at [dzbierski@turley.com](mailto:dzbierski@turley.com).



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## South Hadley Public Library update

Staff Report

SOUTH HADLEY – A story stroll is coming! Staff at the Gaylord Memorial Library announced there will be a story stroll for people to visit beginning next week! Follow us on Instagram (<https://instagram.com/gaylordmemoriallibrary>) or Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/gaylordlibrary>) for updates on this exciting new program.

**What is a Story Stroll?**

Story strolls are a fun way to enjoy reading while spending time outdoors. Janet has selected one of her favorite children’s book for our first adventure. She has laminated the pages which will be displayed outside. Patrons are invited to visit the Gaylord Memorial Library and walk the path as you read the book beginning next Friday, Aug. 14. This is a self-guided tour that families can enjoy at their leisure. We ask that everyone follows social distancing guidelines and wears a mask while visiting our Story Stroll. This outdoor exhibit will be left on display for about one month, but may temporarily be taken down during times of inclement weather or lawn maintenance.

**Homebound delivery**

Homebound Delivery is now available to South Hadley residents who have health or transportation issues that keep them from the library. Our staff at Gaylord is thrilled to be able to deliver books, movies, CDs, etc. to our community members who are not able to take advantage of the curbside pickup program happening at the South Hadley Public Library. If you, or someone you know would like to learn more and sign up for Homebound Delivery, please visit <https://gaylordlibrary.org/homebound-delivery/>.

Lobby pickup now available at South Hadley Public Libraries.

Library items can now be picked up at the South Hadley Public Library lobby, Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Library patrons must wear a mask



# Virtual Women’s Leadership Luncheon series continues

Staff Report

HOLYOKE - Holyoke Community College president Christina Royal and Amanda Sbriscia, HCC vice president of Institutional Advancement, will kicked off a reimagined monthly Women’s Leadership Luncheon Series on Wed., July 29.

The 2020 Women’s Leadership Luncheon Series, postponed from spring due to COVID-19, will now take place virtually over Zoom on the last Wednesdays of July, August, September and October from 12 to 1 p.m.

The series is sponsored by HCC and Training and Workforce Options, a collaboration between Holyoke and Springfield Technical community colleges.

“Women leaders and up-and-comers will be joined by panels of like-minded women each month for small group discussions and open dialogue,” said Tracye Whitfield, TWO’s director of Business Development. “Participants will have the opportunity to form a supportive network of women leaders, discuss topics of interest and enjoy a brown bag lunch, virtually. Professional development, networking and socialization over a delicious meal - does it get any better?”

Each lunch-time event will feature two presenters leading discussions on different topics:

Aug. 26: “Empowering Women in the Workplace” - Denise Jordan (executive director, Springfield Housing Authority) and Julie Quink (managing partner, Burkhart, Pizzanelli PC).

Sept. 30: “Comfortable in Your Own Skin, Finding Your Voice” - Tanisha Arena (executive director, Arise for Social Justice) and Pam Victor (owner, Happy Valley Comedy Theater).

Oct. 28: “Women Leaders in Non-Traditional Businesses” - Colleen Loveless (president and CEO, Revitalize Community Development Corporation) and Nicole Palange (vice president, V&F Auto).

The July 29 session is free. The remaining three sessions are \$20 each, or \$50 for the full series.

Registration is required. Space for each luncheon is limited to 25.

To register, please go to: [hcc.edu/womens-leadership](http://hcc.edu/womens-leadership)

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We have activities planned for all ages. Summer programs will begin with virtual programs and expand to include take and make crafts for kids and teens. Adult programs include virtual speakers via Zoom and take and make crafts for adults. <https://forms.gle/cUP73BKZReXR1GeHA>

Check the library calendar for specific event information (<https://bit.ly/3fd0duG>). All registrants will be eligible for end of summer prizes.

Register for the 2020 South Hadley Public Library Summer Program (<https://forms.gle/cUP73BKZReXR1GeHA>)

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# PVPA trustees approves remote learning model

Staff report

SOUTH HADLEY – The PVPA Board of Trustees voted unanimously on Thursday, Aug. 6 to adopt a remote learning model for the beginning of the school year. PVPA believes this is the safest, most equitable start to the school year while the future of the public health crisis remains uncertain.

“Additionally, due to the constraints of our school and our large geographic charter region, we acknowledge the possibility of spreading the virus across a wide swath of Western Massachusetts,” states a press release from the per-

forming arts high school.

PVPA has spent the summer upgrading and improving the remote program implemented in the spring, with a focus on streamlining the program and building a comprehensive, thoughtful remote class schedule.

With a nearly complete course catalog, artistic and academic offerings and the abilities of PVPA teachers will provide students with the same level of expertise, rigor and excitement as in the physical classroom.

The PVPA Board of Trustees also voted to adopt the recently approved agreement between the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Massachusetts Teachers Association to reduce the number of school days from 180 to 170, to allow for 10 extra days of teacher preparation and professional development prior to the beginning of the semester. PVPA will now begin school on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

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## School opening decisions could affect sports return

**By Gregory A. Scibelli**  
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REGION – With a number of school districts already declaring whether or not they will engage in regular in-person learning, remote-only learning, or hybrid situations where students would spend some time in school and some time out of school, the MIAA will need to consider the consequences of those decisions while determining when and how student-athletes will be able to hit the fields.

The MIAA Board of Directors recently voted to move the start of the season to at least Sept. 14. That would likely mean the soonest games could start would be near the end of September.

Football could take longer if it is allowed to be played.

Also to keep in mind for the MIAA is the recent decision by Gov. Charlie Baker to put any further phases or parts of phases of re-opening on hold due to small increases new cases.

When Phase 3 of the re-opening plan took effect on July 6, it limited the ability for people to play soccer, basketball, football, and lacrosse. While practices could occur, games and other types of contests were not allowed at any level.

This cancelled the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League, as well as the Spec Pond Summer Basketball League, and various other leagues that play in the summer months. Only baseball and softball games have been played during the month.

With Baker putting further parts of Phase 3 on hold and rolling back crowd numbers on outdoor gatherings, it is possible that football and soccer games may not be allowed to play unless an exception is made at the high school level, or numbers of new coronavirus cases significantly improve soon.

But the decisions by schools also could make play of sports difficult. With some schools like Springfield, Longmeadow, and East Longmeadow going all remote, it could be difficult for eligibility to appear in games to be determined. Other school districts, like Southwick, are giving students and their families the choice of doing a hybrid model or remote only, which means some students will in school a limited number of days per week.

Agawam recently voted to have a hybrid learning model and bring students back to school as much as possible.

Other school districts will be making their decisions this week and next. All schools must be submitting plans to the state for multiple situations sometime in the next week.

School starts are also supposed to be delayed for two weeks for additional COVID-related testing for teachers.

Following the first few decisions being made, the MIAA did release this brief statement to schools.

“As school Districts decide the format of their school re-opening plans,” the MIAA states. “The MIAA is fielding questions about the impact of those decisions on interscholastic athletics from school constituents, School Committees, Superintendents, school leaders and media outlets. Please be advised the Association has no current policy which negates any athletic participation relative to a District’s school re-opening plans. Members will be notified if there is any future modification to this guidance.”

The MIAA will likely be meeting again sometime this month, though a date has to be determined.



Last year, PeoplesBank of the Tri-County Baseball League won its seventh straight playoff championship in the American Division. Tri-County cancelled its American Division season, while teams in the National Division played in their own league this summer.

## Volleyball hall induction cancelled

HOLYOKE – The Board of Directors of the International Volleyball Hall of Fame has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Hall of Fame Induction Celebration due to safety concerns for the international event that takes place at venues in Holyoke and throughout Western Massachusetts.

“Induction weekend is a celebration of our sport and its greatest legends, and while we are disappointed to cancel this incredibly special event, the Board of Directors’ overriding concern is the health and well-being of those who travel from all over the world to celebrate with us,” said IVHF Executive Director George Mulry.

This will be only the second time since the first induction was held in 1985 that the annual celebration will not be held. There will not be a designated induction Class of 2020. Instead, the IVHF will recognize its next class of inductees in the fall of 2021.

“We looked at every possible option to hold the event in 2020 including hosting a virtual Induction but it was clear that the right decision was to cancel,” stated Mulry. “Most importantly, we strive to honor the inductees in the proper way they are most deserving of. Our next Induction Class should enjoy the same wonderful experience in the Birthplace of Volleyball as previous classes and



Spec Pond was not buzzing in the second week of August as the summer basketball league was cancelled when Gov. Baker barred basketball contests from being played.



The Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League was another casualty of the governor's ban on “at-risk” sports.



The PVSSL also featured an adult league that was not able to play. All of the summer leagues hope to be back in action next summer.



## SOUTH HADLEY POLICE LOG

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*Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the South Hadley Police log and arrests for the week of Aug. 3 to Aug. 9. The information was provided by Chief Jennifer Gundersen based on review of the detailed log summary. This feature is designed to provide context and explanation to some of the calls police respond to every day. Mass General Law prohibits the release of names of those arrested for domestic incidents.*

### Tuesday, Aug. 4

5:49 p.m. – A Pheasant Run resident reported their vehicle being broken into. A \$10 scratch ticket and a small number of items taken.

### Wednesday, Aug. 5

3:20 p.m. – A Main Street resident reported an attempted scam.

4:30 p.m. – An officer reported they backed into a sign. There was minor damage to the sign.

### Thursday, Aug. 6

2:50 p.m. – Officers dispatched to Lyman Street in area of McKinley Ave. for a two-car accident. Upon arrival, officers observed one vehicle struck a second in the rear while travelling north on Layman Street. No injuries were reported. The operator of one vehicle did not have a license. She is expected to be summoned to court.

5:27 p.m. – Officers took a report of an alleged violation of a harassment order. Upon investigation, officers determined

there was no violation.

### Friday, Aug. 7

11:26 a.m. – A Main Street resident reported his vehicle was parked in the lot off of Main Street and was struck by another vehicle. He observed damage to front bumper. There were no witnesses to the accident.

### Saturday, Aug. 8

5:51 p.m. – Officers took a report of a neighbor dispute regarding noise.

### Sunday, Aug. 9

11:55 a.m. – Officers responded to area of the Route 202 rotary for a two-car collision. One vehicle had front left fender and wheel damage. One of the vehicles encroached into the lane where the other car was while attempting to go left. No other information is available at this time.

10:23 p.m. – Officers responded to the area of Granby Road and Brigham Road for a two-car collision. No injuries were reported. Both vehicles were travelling north on Granby Road when one vehicle went to turn right behind them failed to slow and struck the rear end of the first vehicle.

### Residents reminded to lock cars, bring in valuables

There have been recent reports of breaking and entering into vehicles in South Hadley and neighboring communities. Residents are reminded that they should lock their vehicles and bring in their keys and valuables. People are also urged to contact police if they see anything out of the ordinary.

## Policing together; new program brings new opportunities to solve crime

By Dalton Zbierski  
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley Police Department recently launched a Surveillance Camera Registry and Monitoring Program, bringing a new aspect to community policing.

“We’re trying to get ahead of the game here and be as efficient as possible for when crime does occur,” said Ofc. Kelsey Davey. “We are asking members of the community to register their cameras so that when crimes happen in the community, we can call and ask to review camera footage.”

The objective of the voluntary program is to alert the department to the existence and locations of personal security cameras throughout South Hadley. If criminal activity unfolds near a registered camera, local law enforcement will contact the owner and ask to view footage.

The department can only access video footage with the consent of the camera’s owner. If the program is successful, South Hadley officers will be able to more efficiently pursue the perpetrators of crimes that occur in town.

“By knowing where these cameras are ahead of time, it saves us a lot of time in trying to track down potential video evidence of a crime,” said Lt. William Sowa. “What we run into a lot is trying to chase down if there’s any surveillance footage available in a particular area where an accident or crime may have happened. It can take a lot of time going door to door trying to make a visu-

al identification of a camera.”

Sowa added that the program could reduce the hours officers spend investigating a single crime, allowing the department to broaden its greater focus on limiting criminal activity in South Hadley.

Davey noted that crime in town has risen during the COVID-19 pandemic, which influenced the program’s creation.

“When Covid happened, there seemed to be an uptick in crime, and we were always driving around looking at houses to see if they had any cameras,” she said. “This program helps us communicate with the residents and community and try to solve the crime that much quicker.”

In the words of Sowa, Davey “spear-headed” the program’s launch. She was inspired by the effectiveness of similar programs in surrounding communities and has already registered nearly 20 cameras in town.

Residents who register are simply informing the department that they have personal security cameras. The department does not have access to the feed and can only view surveillance if it is provided; Davey further described the benefits of the non-intrusive program.

“You get cameras on your house for a reason, right? Why not take advantage of using your cameras for good?” said Davey. “We will never actually see the video footage from anyone’s camera unless they submit it to us. The registry is completely confidential and only the

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firmed cases of COVID-19, 167 contact cases, nine probable cases and three suspect cases.

The numbers are cumulative and date back to March, but they are, nonetheless, rising.

“The public health threat remains significant and we hope people will continue to adopt the protocols as suggested on our COVID-19 information page at southhadley.org promulgated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health,” said Sullivan.

In the week leading up to Aug. 11, South Hadley reported 17 new confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus marking the sixth consecutive week that the number has risen in town.

“We all understand the challenges and appreciate the incredible level of cooperation,” said Sullivan. “Success in fighting this enemy of health is dependent not on government intervention, it will only be effective through citizen adherence to the guidelines.”

Regionally, Hampshire County remains among the lowest concentration of cases per county, noted Sullivan.

He added that South Hadley is “sandwiched in between communities with higher rates,” citing Chicopee, Holyoke, Northampton and Granby as examples.

On Aug. 12, the town added a new mapping tool to its website for all to access. Sullivan is confident that the new resource will benefit the public.

### Cyber Access Project

Sullivan is currently attempting to establish a cyber access

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MICHAEL SULLIVAN  
TOWN MANAGER

program that will bring South Hadley residents who lack technology into the digital age. The program will reflect the Comcast Essentials program and offer townsfolk of all ages the ability to connect online.

“It really came to light that there was a considerable digital divide when the pandemic first came into view and the library and Council on Aging were closed,” said Sullivan. “People didn’t have those cyber access points.”

Without access to the internet, a number of community members were unable to apply for jobs or unemployment. Furthermore, they were left in the dark regarding certain information that is only accessible online.

“I am trying to come up with different ways that we can overcome those issues,” said Sullivan. “This Comcast Essentials program gives us a good opportunity to purchase low cost access points for families that don’t have access. There’s going to be rules in place and a lot of qualifying. You have to be income qualified similar to the SNAP

program or other programs that serve the underserved community.”

Next Tuesday, Sullivan will present the idea to the selectboard and propose that the town use a portion of its PEG Access Funds to deliver necessary equipment such as Chromebooks to residents who qualify for assistance. The program will target school age children and seniors but is open to all who meet the requirements.

“It’s not only for seniors or students. It might be people in the veteran community or the disabled community. There’s so many different categories that might not have the resources,” said Sullivan.

Access to the program would cost \$120 annually. Anyone who already has internet access will not be eligible to receive the service; Comcast customers can not use the service as a discount.

Sullivan is communicating with the South Hadley Electric Light Department in an effort to gain their support. He reminded residents that the program has not yet been accepted by the selectboard and will not begin for

at least another month if it is approved.

“It’s important for the public to know that this won’t start next week. It might start sometime in September, but it might start sometime in October as well,” Sullivan said. “It’s going to take us a while to put everything in place; the processes and how you get applications and what you have to do.”

### ADA Commission

South Hadley’s Commission on Disabilities continues to make strides in its attempt to identify how the Town Hall can be made more accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sullivan has been impressed with the group’s progress thus far.

“They’ve been quite active. The Building Commissioner [David Gardner] will be at their next meeting in September to talk about his experiences with ADA requirements. We’re trying to figure out how those ADA requirements in the future will be part of Town Hall,” he said.

Any improvements recommended by the committee would be voted on at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting. The town has not yet allotted funding to any projects, but that will change if voters approve the recommendations that are proposed.

The committee consists of five town-appointed residents who suffer from disabilities. While the committee is still in its early stages, Sullivan has been moved by his initial observations.

“The issues physically and emotionally and culturally that they’ve overcome; it’s really inspiring, and I don’t think the average citizen really kinds of sits

down and thinks about it often enough how their lives were impacted by their different abilities. We look forward to the recommendations,” said Sullivan.

### Restrictions

The town has mandated travel restrictions for town employees who leave the region. Upon their return to South Hadley from afar, town employees must pass a COVID-19 test or quarantine for two weeks.

“Any employee that is going to travel out of the New England, New York or New Jersey areas to locations that are hot spots and have seen an escalating amount of Covid, or if they travel to other countries or regions, they will be required to quarantine upon return,” said Sullivan. “Before they return to work, they’ll be tested and have to produce a negative test otherwise they’ll have to stay out for 14 days.”

Time spent in quarantine will be taken from a given employee’s accrued vacation or sick time. Unfortunately, if a town employee has no accrued time, he or she will be subject to unpaid leave until cleared to return to work.

“If a person is able to do their work remotely or part of their work remotely, we’ll work with them to make those accommodations as best we can. Ultimately, if we are unable to make those accommodations, that 14-day quarantine period would fall on their benefits,” said Sullivan.

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# In the Classroom

## Living through history

Local elementary students share their thoughts on COVID-19

SOUTH HADLEY – Much like the rest of the world, children have gone through the pandemic and are experiencing history being made from their homes. Third graders from Mosier El-

ementary School were tasked with a writing assignment about their thoughts and feelings surrounding COVID-19, according to teacher Allyson Saul. This poem could be in any form the students wished and submissions included haiku, acrostic, shape, free verse and rhyming poems. The assignment was created by Leah McCarthy.

By Nolan Bonney

Coronavirus  
The things  
You  
Need are  
Toilet paper  
  
Hand sanitizer  
Facemasks  
And  
Food  
However if you don't stay  
Six feet away you will ruin my mood  
So remember to wash your hands  
and check zoom,  
And do all your work on google  
classroom.

By Lucas Magagnoli

Very scary  
I wish this was over.  
Redo all of this  
Until I play with my grandma, I  
will be sad.  
Sometimes I wish I was in my  
room by myself.

By Ella Goodhind

Owen, Ella and Jackson sitting  
down to watch the news.  
As a family we play games, lots  
of those have silly names.  
In the nighttime dad reads us  
books while we snuggle up in our  
fluffy nooks.

By Leila Doolittle

Concerning  
On tv all the time  
Really stinks  
Only go out if necessary  
No big groups of people  
Always wash your hands  
  
Very hard to stay safe  
I do not like the COVID-19  
Running out of masks  
Unable to go to school  
Stay safe

By Max Brecher

I love mac and cheese during  
quarantine.  
All I eat is mac and cheese.  
And sometimes I eat it with peas.  
I love it so much I will have it  
with tea.  
I like it hot. I like it cold.  
I'll even eat it when it's old.  
I won't even trade it for gold.

By Elena Carpentier

Some people think they are small,  
but inside they are very tall.  
We will rise and do what's right.  
Stick together through the night.  
Stick together, join the fight. Find  
your courage, please shine bright.  
I know right now it feels so yikes!  
But sooner or later you'll be riding  
your bike.  
Soon you'll be with all your  
friends. The journey you're riding  
never ends!

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police department will have access to who has cameras within our community.” Sowa, a veteran of the force, is excited about the possibilities of the recently launched program. He emphasized the importance of surveillance footage and noted that the resource has improved greatly as time has passed. “Certainly, even a few short years ago, the clarity of the cameras rendered them pretty much useless for evidentiary purposes. Certainly, the improvements in the cameras and the clarity of what they capture makes it possible to make an identification of individuals,” he said.

Individuals who register will be asked to give a name, phone number email and description of where on a respective property a camera is located. “We’re asking the community to work with us and to be our eyes since we can’t be everywhere within the town,” said Davey. “It’s rewarding to be able to work with the community members and see community members sign up and want to work with us and have them register their cameras.” For more information or to register, residents can visit <https://www.southhadley.org/1050/Surveillance-Camera-Registry>.

## 26 nonprofits receive grants in latest COVID response round of \$725K; \$5.5 million awarded to date

SPRINGFIELD-The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts has announced new grants to 26 local nonprofits through the COVID-19 Response Fund for the Pioneer Valley totaling \$725K, targeting employment assistance, food insecurity, homelessness and foreclosure prevention, and addressing immediate needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Including this latest round, the Response Fund has awarded more than \$5.5 million in grants to nonprofits in Western Massachusetts that are on the front lines of serving vulnerable populations affected by the crisis. The statewide Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund has provided \$4.3 million in funding to support the Community Foundation’s response to the pandemic crisis in our region. The 26 grants recipients from the COVID-19 Response Fund from the Pioneer Valley are:

- Amherst Community Connections
- Amherst Survival Center
- Brick House Community Resource Center
- Center for New Americans
- Chicopee Boys & Girls Club
- Community Upliftment Program
- Dress for Success of Western Massachusetts
- Franklin and North Quabbin Children’s Advocacy Center
- Franklin County Community Meals Program
- LifePath
- Mary Lyon Education Foundation
- Mental Health Association
- Montague Catholic Social Ministries
- Pioneer Valley Project
- Pioneer Valley Workers Center
- Project New Hope
- Public Health Institute of Western MA
- Rivera and Rivera Acts Against Foreclosure
- Safe Passage
- Springfield Partners for Community

- Action
- St. Mary’s Parish
- Sunshine Village
- United Service Organization of Pioneer Valley
- Valley Opportunity Council
- Wheelhouse Farm
- The Westfield State Foundation
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The Response Fund has raised \$7.6 million from 650 donors, including foundations, businesses and individuals, and resources from the statewide Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund.

The Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund supports those across the state most impacted by the COVID-19 health crisis, focusing on essential frontline workers and vulnerable populations, including the homeless, immigrant populations, people with disabilities and those facing food insecurity. The Fund works in concert with regional community foundations and nonprofit leaders who partner with local leaders to understand the response and relief landscape, strategically filling in where gaps are pronounced.

According to President and CEO of the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, Katie Allan Zobel, “The pandemic is adversely impacting individuals, families and communities in the region. This round of grants includes funds to address the economic instability that many are facing.”

The COVID-19 Response Fund for the Pioneer Valley was established to provide grants to community nonprofit organizations serving the needs of the most vulnerable populations affected by the pandemic in Western Massachusetts.

The Community Foundation welcomes additional donations to the COVID-19 Response Fund for the Pioneer Valley. 100% of donations go to community needs. Gifts can be made online at: [www.communityfoundation.org/covid19](http://www.communityfoundation.org/covid19).

## State warns of nationwide unemployment scam

### Staff Report

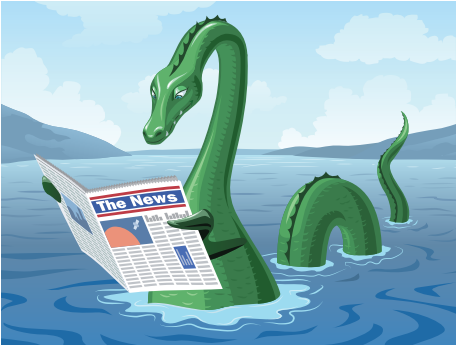
BOSTON – Criminal enterprises in possession of stolen personal information from earlier commercial data breaches have been attempting to file large amounts of illegitimate unemployment claims through the Massachusetts unemployment system, the Department of Unemployment Assistance announced. This is part of a national unemployment fraud scheme.

In order to ensure the integrity of the unemployment system, DUA continues to implement additional identity verification measures that may temporarily delay the payment timeframe for some unemployment claims in Massachusetts, the office said in a press release.

DUA has partnered with the Massachusetts State Police, the Department of Corrections and the National Guard on this identity verification effort. The Department of Unemployment Assistance has hired Ernst & Young to conduct a forensic accounting investigation into the fraud scheme, and additional updates related to this criminal activity will be posted as soon as they are available.

Individuals who believe a false unemployment claim has been filed in their name are urged to utilize the Department of Unemployment Assistance fraud contact form at [mass.gov/unemployment-fraud](http://mass.gov/unemployment-fraud) or to call the DUA customer service department at 877-626-6800.

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they will have that opportunity next Fall.”

There is still one major event on the IVHF calendar for 2020. The Nationwide Charity Ride & Run, a collection of virtual bike and running events along with in-person Motorcycle rides will take place across the U.S. September 12-13, 2020. For more information on the Nationwide Charity Ride & Run please visit [VolleyHall.org/NationwideRide](http://VolleyHall.org/NationwideRide).



# Public Notices

**TOWN OF GRANBY LEGAL NOTICE**

The Selectboard and Town By-law Review Committee will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, August 24, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. at** \*10-B West State Street, in the Senior Center large meeting room relative to the following:

Amending the General Bylaws of the Town, by replacing existing Chapters with New Chapters 9 through 17 .(Copies of full text of said amendments are available from the Selectboard's Office, Town Annex and on the town's website: [www.granby-ma.gov](http://www.granby-ma.gov))

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Alan Wishart, Jr.,  
Chair of Town By-Law Review Committee

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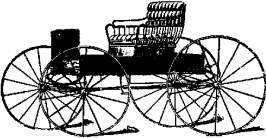
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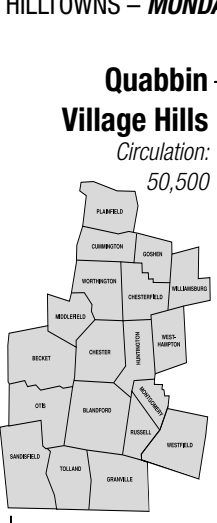
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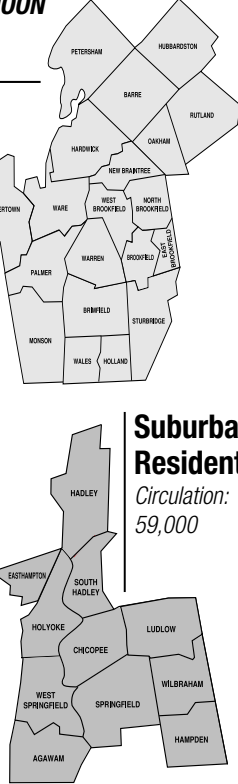
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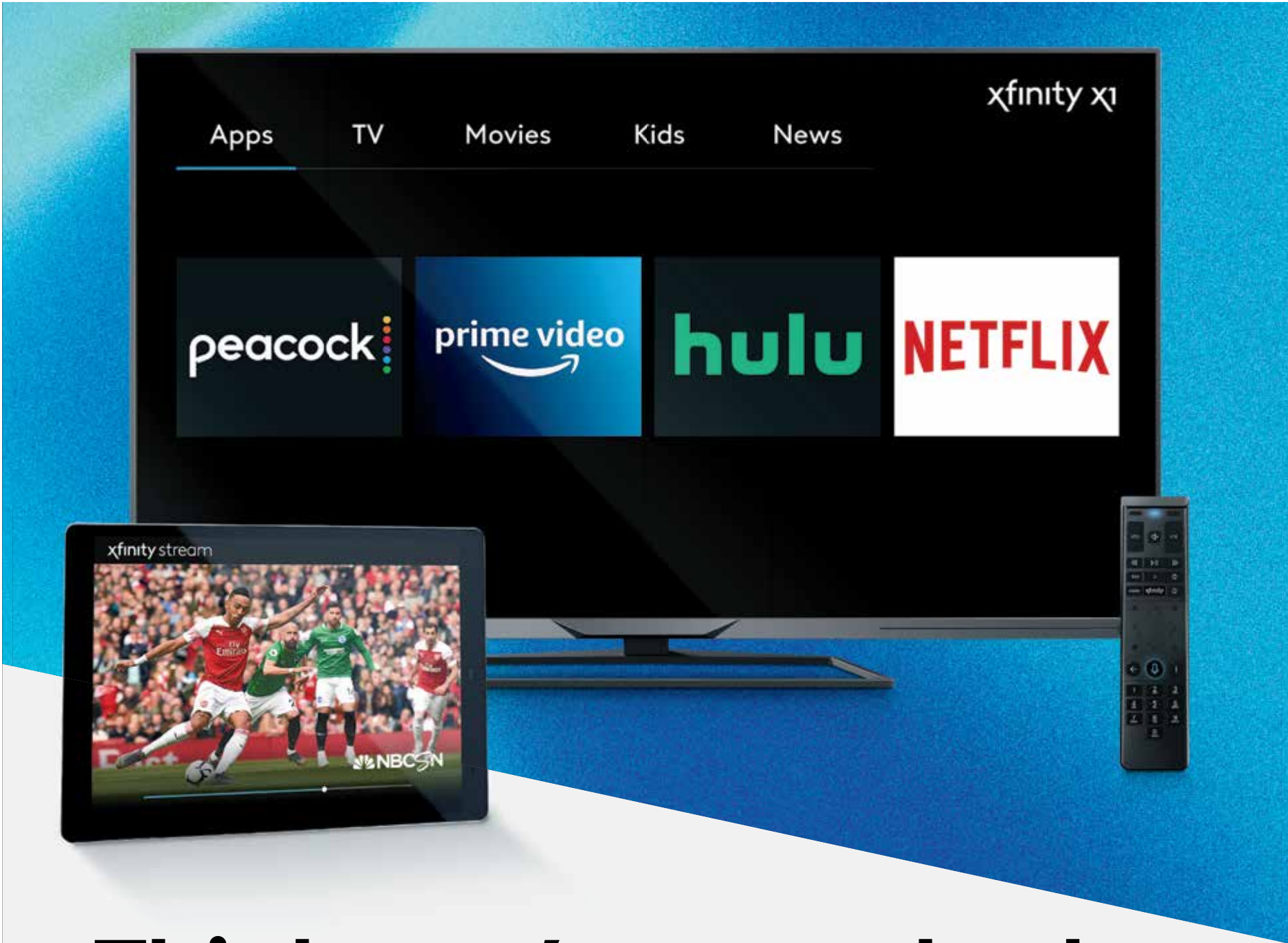
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